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APPLICANT: Meir Strahilevitz GROUP:
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FOR: SPECIES BINDING DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING

April 16, 2004

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PETITION FOR GRANTING OF FILING DATE
IN RESPONSE TO
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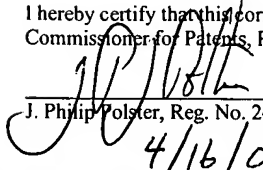
Applicant hereby petitions for the grant of a filing date of December 22, 2003 for the above-identified application.

On April 2, 2004, the Office issued a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, a copy of which is attached.

The application was filed without a physical drawing. It is noted however that in the first paragraph following the title (paragraph "[001]") it is stated that:

This is a division of Serial No. 09/892,037, filed June 26, 2001, which is a division of pending application Serial No. 09/007,599, filed January 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,264,623, which is a division of Serial No. 08/097,378, filed July 23, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,753,227, *the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.* (Emphasis supplied.)

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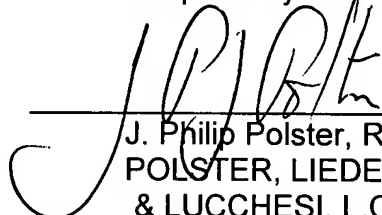
Applicant's undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the enclosed formal drawings are copies of the drawings in Serial No. 09/892,037, incorporated by reference, which had been allowed and the issue fee paid prior to December 22, 2003. The drawings are also the same as those in issued patent 6,264,623, also incorporated by reference.

It is therefore requested that the enclosed drawings be entered in the case and that the application be granted a filing date of December 22, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$130 is enclosed for the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201. *Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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